



Magee House

Hours: Magee House is open for self-guided tours Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from noon until 4:00 p.m. Private tours with Victorian tea and refreshments can be booked in advance for Tuesdays and Thursdays at \$15 per person. All proceeds are used to enhance historic displays in both the house and the barn.

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Welcome

Located just one block from the Pacific Ocean, Magee Park is a beautiful two-acre site containing three of Carlsbad's historical buildings. Magee Park was created in 1974 when Florence Shipley Magee passed away, willing her home and the property around it to the City of Carlsbad for historic preservation and recreational purposes. In addition to the original home, now called Magee House, and the barn behind it, the park also has Heritage Hall, the Granary, and a number of historic gardens.

Magee House and Barn

This craftsman cottage was built in 1887 by one of Carlsbad's town founders, Samuel Church Smith. The house was purchased in 1891 by Alexander Shipley. Mr. Shipley, his wife Julia and daughter Florence, lived in this house for many years. Florence later married Hugh Magee and moved to a ranch near Pala for nearly 30 years, returning after the death of her husband to live once again in the family house. The red barn behind the house also dates to the Shipley family occupancy. Both the Magee House and the barn are now operated by the Carlsbad Historical Society and are being preserved in near original condition with a variety of displays, exhibits, and furnishings, some from the original occupants.

Historic Gardens

The Carlsbad Arboretum Foundation and the Coastal Rose Society manage a variety of thematic gardens surrounding Magee House. There are plants and shrubs native to Southern California and a special herb garden. The most significant garden is composed of 125 rose bushes representing 15 families of roses. In 2002 Carlsbad was named an American Rose City in recognition of these gardens.

Heritage Hall



Rentals

Rental areas of the park include Heritage Hall, Magee Park and the Granary. The park can accommodate groups of 10 - 500 people. Over 250 weddings have been performed here. Fees range from \$8 - \$50 per hour depending upon the type of event. Additional fees may be required for liability insurance and security if there will be live music or dancing or if alcohol will be served.

Heritage Hall

Built in 1926 as St. Patrick's Catholic Church, this facility was originally located on Harding Street just south of Carlsbad Village Drive. The building was moved to Magee Park in 1979 as an initial step in creating a heritage park in the old part of the city. This small building served as Carlsbad's first Catholic church and later as its first City Hall and police station. It also housed the City's early library and a dance studio. Today, renamed Heritage Hall, this building serves as a facility for public meetings and programs.

The Granary

This was part of the original Twin Inns Restaurant beginning in 1919 at its location on Carlsbad Boulevard. The restaurant was famous for its fried chicken dinners and the seven-foot plaster chickens out front. The granary was used to store feed supplies and was relocated to Magee Park when the Twin Inns was converted to Neiman's.

Whether you're planning a wedding, reception, meeting, company barbecue or a family gathering, our staff is eager to assist you in organizing your event. Please call 760-602-7513 for more information or to schedule a tour of our facilities.

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